



ST. LOUIS AREA
MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

CONSTITUTION

Article I — NAME

The name of this organization shall be the St. Louis Area Music Teachers Association, affiliated with Missouri Music Teachers Association and Music Teachers National Association.

Article II — OBJECT

- Section 1. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- Section 2. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private person, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of the document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, and (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- Section 3. In the event of the dissolution of this organization, any funds remaining in treasury after the payment of any outstanding debts shall be contributed to MTNA

Article III — MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Membership classification in this Association shall be: Active and Student.
- Section 2. Membership privileges and dues are prescribed by the By-Laws of the Association.

Article IV — AFFILIATION

- Section 1. All members of the Association shall hold membership in the Missouri Music Teachers Association and the Music Teachers National Association.

Article V — OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be: President, Vice President for Programs, Vice President for Membership, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor-Assistant Treasurer.

Section 2. Procedures for the election of officers are specified in the By-Laws of the Association.

Article VI — MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings of the Association shall be held at such time and place as are decided upon by the officers of the Association, but they shall be guided by the wishes of the membership.

Article VII — QUORUM

Section 1. Two-thirds of the active members of the Association present and voting constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article VIII — FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. The fiscal year shall be the same as the membership year, beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

Article IX — AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any business meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the Active members present and voting, the proposed amendments having been submitted to the members at least seven (7) days prior to voting.

BYLAWS

Article I — MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Active membership is open to all persons professionally engaged in any field of musical activity. Such membership provides the privileges of participation in the activities of the Association, holding office and voting.

Section 2. Student membership is open to any bonafide student of music in high school (9th – 12th grades inclusive) and undergraduate college (the four years leading to the bachelor's degree). Student members may not participate in any activity of the Association other than to attend its meetings and receive mailings.

Article II — DUES

Section 1. Annual dues are determined by the Executive Board. Total dues includes membership in the St. Louis Area MTA, MMTA and MTNA.

Article III — ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Following each biennial election of officers, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee to serve for the ensuing two year term.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall present at the last business session of each term no later than March the names of seven (7) candidates, one for each of the elective offices. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Those members qualified to vote cast ballots for not

more than seven (7) candidates so named. Those candidates receiving the largest number of votes will be declared elected for a term of two (2) years. They will assume office at the first meeting of the new fiscal year.

Section 3. The President will appoint tellers immediately following the report of the Nominating Committee. The tellers will be responsible for distributing, collecting, and counting the ballots, and reporting the results to the Recording Secretary.

Section 4. A vacancy in an office shall be filled by presidential appointment for the remainder of the term.

Article IV — DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, shall call and preside at meetings of the officers, shall appoint all committees, as needed, and shall perform all other duties implied by his title.

Section 2. The Vice President for Programs shall assume all duties of the President in the absence of that officer and shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the President. This Vice President shall oversee all programs.

Section 3. The Vice President for Membership shall compile and keep a list of members of this Association and shall keep this list up to date. He shall direct the expansion of membership of the Association and shall perform other duties as may be designated by the President.

Section 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association and of the officers, shall see that the minutes are in legal form and properly preserved, and shall perform other duties as may be designated by the President.

Section 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for all mailings sent to the membership and shall perform other duties as may be designated by the President.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the payment of all bills authorized by the Association, shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements, and shall present an official report to the Association upon request. He shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 7. The Auditor-Assistant Treasurer shall audit the books of the Association annually and perform such other duties mutually agreed upon.

Article V — AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any business meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the Active members present and voting, the proposed amendments having been submitted to the members at least seven (7) days prior to the voting.